

Claims

1. A rodenticide comprising cellulosic material which is non-toxic to humans but which causes rodents to excrete body fat and/or adipose tissue.

2. A rodenticide comprising rodenticidal material obtainable from the core of the cob of maize hybrid DK 446.

3. A rodenticide comprising rodenticidal material obtainable from the core of the cob of a maize hybrid characterised by normally growing to a height of 2.7 to 3.3 metres (9 to 11 feet) and by normally having a single giant ear of corn.

4. A rodenticide according to claim 3 wherein said hybrid is DK 401, DK 442, DK 512, DK 560, DK 588, DK 591, DK 604, DK 628, DK 634 or DK 512wx.

5. A rodenticide according to any preceding claim which incorporates or is associated with a sweet material which acts as a bait attractant.

6. A rodenticide according to claim 5 wherein said sweet material is ground sugar beets or unrefined molasses.

7. A rodenticide comprising any material which is an agonist in rodents of that cellulosic white core material obtained from the DK 446 hybrid which is rodenticidal when administered in a manner enabling free access to rodents.

8. A rodenticide according to claim 7 wherein said material is non-toxic at a controlled dosage level of up to 15g/kg per day

9. A method of alleviating rodent infestation, the method comprising depositing in the region of infestation a rodenticide comprising cellulosic material obtainable from the cob of maize hybrid DK 446 or from the cob of any of the maize hybrids DK 401, DK 442, DK 512, DK 560, DK 588, DK 591, DK 604, DK 628, DK 634 and DK 512wx.

10. A method according to claim 9 wherein said cellulosic material is white hard

core cellulosic material.

11. A method according to claim 9 or claim 10 wherein said rodenticide incorporates or is associated with a sweet material acting as a bait attractant.

5 12. A method of making a rodenticide comprising the step of bringing into association a) a bait attractant and b) cellulosic material obtainable from the cob of any of the hybrids specified in claim 9 or from the cob of any maize hybrid characterised by normally growing to a height of 2.7 to 3.3 metres (9 to 11 feet)
10 and by normally having a single giant ear of corn.

13. A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein said cellulosic material is white hard core material.

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